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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION ON VIETNAMESE DEVELOPMENTS

1. TODAY, AL-AYAM PUBLISHED EDITORIAL: "WAITING FOR A MIRACLE IN SAIGON", BY EL-SIR HASSANRKADUL.

2. HE SAID, "WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST BAPQE FOR SAIGON, THE REVOLUTIONARIES BEGAN TO APPROACH SOUTH VIETNAMESE CXHITAL YESTERDAY. THE LEVEL OF HYSTERIA BEGAN TO INCREASE IN WASHINGTON AND SAIGON AS DEMONSTRATED BY U.S. PRESIDENT'S INSISTENCE THAT CONGRESS SUPPLY THIEU'S GOVERNMENT WITH MORE MILITARY AID. CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO THAT REQUEST HAS MOUNTED, BECOMING FIRMER BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUOUS DEFEAT OF SAIGON GOVERNMENT'S TROOPS. THEY RUN AND LEAVE BEHIND THEM EQUIPMENT WORTH MILLIONS OF DOLLARS".

3. "AT THE SAME TIME THERE IS TALK NOW ABOUT SECRET UNDERTAKINGS GIVEN BY FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON TO SAIGON RULERS THAT U.S. WOULD RESUME BOMBING OF HANOI IF SAIGON LOST CONTROL OF SITUATION," FADUL SAID.

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4. "EVEN IN SAIGON ITSELF, THE MILITARY REGIME BEGAN

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TO COLLAPSE...SOME CALLED FOR RESIGNATION OF THIEU, LIKE LON NOL, TO PAVE WAY FOR OTHERS TO NEGOTIATE WITH REVOLUTIONARIES..."

5. FADUL CONCLUDED, "IN PARIS A REPRESENTATIVE OF REVOLUTIONARIES SUMMARIZED HYSTERIA WHEN HE SAID LON NOL SET A GOOD EXAMPLE. IF WASHINGTON CAN DO NOTHING BUT PROVIDE YOU (THIEU) WITH ASYLUM, WHY DELAY YOUR INEVITABLE DEPARTURE?"
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